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Hello,

I am writing to ask you to please support HF2222 (Wolgamott); SF1938 (Frentz) to improve the currently awful pension that educators in the state of Minnesota are facing and address the looming crisis in education.

If the pandemic taught us anything at all, it is the absolutely **crucial** role that schools play in a functional economy and society. Without schools, families must take time off from work - which negatively impacts nearly every aspect of daily life as we know it. Every one of us has experienced and witnessed this over the past several years. We **must** bolster our schools and our teachers immediately.

As an educator, I have been watching teachers leave the profession at an alarming rate. Currently, there is very little enticement to join our ranks, and very little enticement to stay. This job is hard. Parents everywhere are telling their children NOT to become teachers.

We are at a precipice here. Please do your part and vote for the above bills in order to recruit and retain quality educators here in the great state of Minnesota!

Sincerely,

Mackenzie Madsen